

GREENKEEPER'S NEWSLETTER.

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As greenstaff prepare for the inevitable mad rush of spring, the last few of our winter projects are already in hand.

Trees growing between the 6th and 7th fairways are in the process of being pruned. Work is concentrated around removing lower limbs which will give more headroom for club buggies manoeuvring between trees in the event a 90 degree rule is in place during inclement weather. There is of course an added bonus to this work in a clearer line of sight for golfers trying to play a ball out of the trees and back onto a fairway. Once completed we hope to carry out similar work between the 2nd and 3rd fairways, which as always is subject to time and weather.

Still on the topic of tree pruning you may have noticed that scrub and trees have been cut back around the area of the 8th tee. Mainly on the left hand side where growth has started to encroach on the hole which in turn reduces space available for marker positions on the tee. The line of hedgerow just before the fairway which impedes some players has also been topped off which may bring some relief until it all grows back again. The land just in front of the tee has been earmarked as a site for a new all-weather tee. Work on shaping the groundwork is not due to start until the end of summer but cutting back trees now will certainly help speed up the job later.

An extension to our old wooden shed had to be rebuilt after some of the plastic roof panels deteriorated and started letting in water which would have lead to its eventual collapse. Steel cladding has gone up in its place to keep everything dry and the whole ensemble is finished off with a pair of substantial timber doors to keep it secure.

The opportunity was taken during a recent spell of good weather to mini core all aprons and green surrounds. This is a job best done in late winter but weather conditions rarely work in our favour it being either too wet or too cold. This year we caught it just right.